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GOVERNMENT GOSSIP.

Members of the Cabinet Going Home to Vote to-morrow.

NO POLITICAL EXCITEMENT.

The Clerks, as a Rule, Remaining at Their Desks.

GENERAL AND PERSONAL.

Counsel Porch's Case.—The State Department denies a statement telegraphed from El Paso that Counsel Porch has been asked to be suspended in consequence of his action in reference to the Seligman scandal.

Extradition With Canada.—It is understood that Canada will submit to the State Department for transmission to the Senate a modified extradition treaty, designed to avoid the points which cause opposition in the Senate.

Commodore Walker in the City.—Commodore Walker, chief of the Bureau of Navigation and president of the board entrusted with the design and construction of the new naval vessels, has returned from Europe, and was at the Navy Department today. His health is improved.

Mr. Manning Will Not Vote.—Secretary Manning and Assistant Secretary Fairchild will be at their desks on election day. A number of other Treasury officials, including Solicitor McCreary, Comptroller Maynard, and Chief Miller of the Bond Division, have gone home to vote.

Death of an Officer.—Chief Engineer Benjamin F. Chandler, retired, U. S. Navy, died yesterday afternoon at Onset, Mass. (where he spent the past summer), of apoplexy. He was born in Massachusetts in 1816, and entered the service July 7, 1832. He was retired October 15, 1881, with the rank of commodore, and has since resided in Waverly, Mass., and lately at his home in Waverly. He leaves a widow and two sons.

The Attorney-General's Decision.—There had been no doubt among Treasury officials nor in banking circles that the Attorney-General would decide as he has done the question as to the obligation of banks to immediately replace called bonds. What effect this ruling may have upon the course to be pursued by the banks had been fully explained by the opinion of Treasury officials no new element is introduced by it into the financial situation.

The Spoilation Claims.—The commission for the consideration of the foreign spoliation claims met today. Ex-Representative Wilson of West Virginia, one of the special commissioners of the Department of Justice, will represent the interests of the United States before the commission. About one hundred cases are ready to go before the court, involving from \$500 to \$400,000 each. Every day new claims make their appearance and the total represented by those filed so far is more than \$300,000,000.

Cabinet Officers and the Elections.—Secretary Manning has returned to his home in Delaware this afternoon for the purpose of voting, leaving Governor Porter in control of the Department. Secretary Whitney has gone to New York to vote. He did not desire to resign his office, but in his absence and is expected to return at once after depositing his ballot. Secretary Endicott left Washington for Boston Saturday night, to vote in the State of Massachusetts. General Brent was designated to act as Secretary of War.

Few Clerks Come Home to Vote.—In the State, War and Navy Departments there are no more than the usual number of clerks and officials on leave of absence, and it is not known why any clerks have gone home for the purpose of voting. In the State Department, indeed, is much interest in the elections manifested, which is in striking contrast to the general excitement that up to the present has prevailed on the eve of the Congressional contests. The clerks do not seem to know that they are to vote. They ask for no information, and, but for the fact that many of the bureau officers, nearly all of whom are Democrats, are absent for the purpose of voting, it would appear that they are to-morrow differed from any other calendar day of the year.

Minor and Personal.

Mr. Nathan Smith has gone to New York for a short visit.

Chief Clerk Lockwood of the Interior Department has returned from New York. Assistant Commissioner Stockholder of the General Land Office has gone home to vote.

Chief Clerk Nash of the Postoffice Department left Saturday night to attend the elections in Wisconsin.

Chief Clerk Twissale of the War Department, who has been absent for some days, will return to-morrow.

Treasurer Jordan of the Treasury Department has returned from Jersey City where they were entertained at a bankers' banquet Saturday evening.

Major Powell has submitted to Secretary Lamont his annual report of the work done by the Geological Survey during the fiscal year ended June 30 last.

Lieutenant Stoddard of the officers who accompanied him on his recent Arctic expedition, will leave San Francisco for Washington in a few days.

Miss Belle C. Smith and Miss Flora Raymond, both of New York, have been appointed copyists at \$800 in the Pension Office under civil-service rules.

The following north-city postmasters in Virginia have been appointed: Robert Thompson, Hollywood, Loudoun County; W. Broadbent, Moss Neck, Caroline County.

DISTRICT GOVERNMENT NEWS.

Minor Matters Occupying the Attention of the Commissioners.

J. M. Whitney of 127 I street has petitioned the Commissioners to include Twenty-fifth street, between I and K streets, in next year's estimates for improvements.

Dr. J. B. Moore of 57 K street northeast has filed a petition with the Commissioners asking them to employ him as a physician in the Police Court to-day, and the accused was held for the grand jury.

THANKSGIVING DAY.

The 25th Instant Set Apart for Prayer and Gratitude.

The President has issued the following Thanksgiving proclamation: It has long been the custom of the people of the United States on a day in each year especially set apart for that purpose by their Chief Executive, to acknowledge the goodness and mercy of God and to invoke his continued care and protection.

On that day let all our people forego their accustomed employments and assemble in their usual places of worship, to give thanks to the Ruler of the Universe for our continued enjoyment of the blessings of free government, for a renewal of the national prayer which has rewarded the labor of those who till the soil, and for our progress as a people in civil and moral advancement.

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MRS. STEWART'S WILL.

A Vast Estate and How it is to be Distributed.

THE HEIRS WELL PROVIDED FOR.

Liberal Bequest for the Establishment of a Woman's Seminary.

NEW YORK, Nov. 1.—The will of Mrs. Cornelia W. Stewart, deceased widow of the great millionaire dry goods merchant, was filed to-day in the office of the surrogate for probate.

She gives her brother, Charles P. Church, an annuity of \$20,000. To her sisters she gives an annuity of \$10,000. Her niece, Sarah N. Smith, is bequeathed \$250,000; Cornelia S. Butler gets \$200,000, and each of her children, Lawrence and Charles, \$50,000. Her granddaughters, Misses Bell, Ellen, Ellen, and James, also children of Sarah N. Smith, receive \$100,000 each. Her deceased sister Louise's children each get \$50,000. All the rest of her estate, real and personal, goes to Charles P. Church, son of Paris, and Henry Hilton, as executors, who are directed not to pay any of the bequests until three years after the final probate of the will.

The will in various ways constitutes the original will and was made July 2, 1877, and was signed in the presence of Henry E. Davies, No. 60 West Fifty-first street; James Henry Work, No. 32 Madison avenue; and Edward B. Hilton, No. 1 West Thirty-fourth street.

The first codicil, dated May 27, 1878, she orders her executors to dispose of her real estate in such a manner as to provide for her bequest to Henry Hilton and gives to him one half part of the remainder of her estate to be used in completing, etc.

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THE CITY PRESBYTERY.

The Installation of Rev. T. S. Hamilton to Take Place on the 9th.

The regular meeting of the Washington Presbytery was held in the Church of the Covenant this morning. Rev. Dr. Russell presiding. The Rev. J. P. Van Wyck of the Tonawanda, Kan., Presbytery was received into the Washington Presbytery. The committee appointed to arrange the details of the installation of the Rev. T. S. Hamilton as pastor of the Church of the Covenant reported that the installation would take place Tuesday evening, November 9, the sermon to be preached by the Rev. Dr. Vincent of New York.

The memorial resolutions upon the death of the Rev. Dr. Burkhart were read and adopted, and a committee, consisting of Revs. Nourse, Chester and Frost, was appointed to prepare a memorial upon the death of the Rev. Dr. Burkhart, and to present it to the Synod.

Revs. Wyckoff, Chester, Patch and Frost, was appointed to report upon evangelistic work to be done within the jurisdiction of the Presbytery. Miss Bellows was recommended to the Board of Home Missions. After a long discussion the question of liquidating the debts of the Amelia Church (Virginia) was taken up, and it was decided to send a committee to the next meeting, which will be held the first Monday in December.

PROSECUTING DELINQUENTS.

The License Laws to be Rigorously Enforced.

Major Walker issued a general order to-day concerning the licensing of business places. The license year begins November 1 and there are always a number of prosecutions of persons who are delinquent in taking out their licenses. The order is detailed from each section to inspect all places in the District requiring licenses; notify the proprietors thereof that only eight days' grace will be allowed them to take out license or show receipt for money deposited with the Collector of the District of Columbia in payment of the same; and that all places failing to do so on or after November 10, 1886, will be proceeded against for conducting business without a license.

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Prince Napoleon Received by the President at the White House.

Prince Napoleon Louis Joseph Jerome Bonaparte, grand-nephew of Napoleon, arrived in this city from New York on Saturday night and is now at Wormley's. He was accompanied by his secretary, Chevalier Michela, and Count Albert de Foresta, secretary of the Italian Legation in this city.

Yesterday morning the Prince went to Baltimore, and returned in the afternoon. Last evening he spent at Colonel Bonaparte's residence, on K street. Count de Foresta, secretary of the Italian Legation, was also present. The French Minister is absent from the city.

The Prince is the second son of Prince Jerome and Princess Clotilde, sister of King Humbert of Italy, and represents the reigning family in Italy more than the French Government. He had been traveling in Italy, and was in Rome when he was discovered by the Italian authorities. He was then taken to the Legation, and his identity was discovered. His meals are served in his apartments and all business intercourse is conducted through the Legation.

The Prince called at the State Department this morning, accompanied by Count de Foresta and his private secretary. He was received by Secretary Bayard in his private capacity, only as a distinguished foreigner presented by the representative of the Italian Government.

After an interchange of greetings Secretary Bayard accompanied the three gentlemen to the White House, where the President came down into the Blue Parlor to receive them. There was nothing formal or official about the presentation, and after an hour's chat the visitors departed, leaving Secretary Bayard with the President. After the presentation at the White House, the party visited the Legation, where the Prince will probably remain for a few days, and then sail for home.

A BIG BUILDING ROOM.

Permits Issued to-day—Houses Erected in October.

Mr. George W. Urmehle, the real estate man, took out a permit to-day for the erection of a row of twelve two-story houses on the eighth street, between I and F streets northeast, the aggregate cost will be \$16,000. They will be 15 feet front and 20 feet deep, with red brick fronts and tin roofs.

Mr. William R. Riley, the dry-goods dealer of Ninth and E streets, submitted plans for an elegant residence on Iowa Circle, the estimated cost of which will be \$15,000. The front will be constructed of pressed brick with a bay window three stories high. The house will be four stories, with an attic and front porch 20 feet deep and a depth of 70 feet. The roof will be of the Mansard style.

Mr. P. N. Dwyer took out a permit to-day for the erection of a row of twelve two-story houses on the eighth street, between I and F streets northeast, the aggregate cost will be \$16,000. They will be 15 feet front and 20 feet deep, with red brick fronts and tin roofs.

The Building Inspector's report for October shows that 270 dwellings were erected during that month, which is an increase of 21 over the corresponding month last year, and also the largest number ever erected in October.

DEATH-BED INSURANCE.

Detection of an Alleged Scheme to Benefit One's Heirs.

District Chemist Dr. Smelt made an analysis of a stomach submitted to him by Deputy Coroner Hartigan and found it to contain a large quantity of arsenic. He said it has been reported that a man who was a crank on life insurance, and that he had a large insurance on his life, and took the poison to benefit his heirs. He did not know the name of the man.

THE CONTEST IN VIRGINIA.

A Virginia politician, who is a Democrat and just from London, said to-day that the contest in Virginia is a very close one. He said that the contest is a very close one, and that the contest is a very close one.

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